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you were only 17. How was it found out?

A.83 I don't know, sir. I don't know how they found out, sir. The boys before had been saying that I looked kind of young.

Q.84 When Line was discharged from hospital you at that time decided you should come back to Red Deer and surrender?

A.84 Yes, sir.

Q.85 In other words, you realized even at that time that coming back meant being punished?

A.85 Yes, sir.

Q.86 But when you heard that the police were after you, you changed your mind. Why?

A.86 We thought we were going to get more if the police picked us up.

Q.87 But instead of avoiding the police in coming back, you avoided the police and went to work.

Re-examined by the Defending Officer.

Q.88 During the period that you were out of uniform you hid it in a sack?

A.88 Yes, sir.

Q.89 Did any damage come to the uniform?

A.89 No, sir.

Q.90 Did you ever attempt to damage your uniform or lose it or dispose of it?

A.90 No, sir. I was going to keep it all the time.

Q.91 As to your age, you state that some of the other boys in the Company had remarked that you looked rather young. Did you tell them your true age?

A.91 No, sir. I told them the same as I had told the Army -- 19.

Q.92 Some Officer whose name you don't remember told you you were under age and told you you were quite definitely out of luck as far as going Overseas was concerned?

A.92 Yes, sir.

Questioned by the Court.

Q.93 What is your actual age now?